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SUMMARY: MISOFF PROVIDED SUMMARY OF MEETING REPORTED REFTEL TO GERMAN AND JAPANESE FIFTH COMMITTEE REPS WHO HAD BEEN JUST BRIEFED BY USYG DAVIDSON. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, BOTH AGREED WITH OUR VIEWS, I.E.; TROOP REIMBURSEMENT RATE TOO HIGH, MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT ASSESSMENT SCALE, AND FUTURE FINANCING UNDER ARTICLE 17. SUBSEQUENTLY, KENYAN DEPPERMRREP KITI EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT USG AND OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS WOULD SUPPORT FORMULA OF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, WITH QUID PRO QUO BEING TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WOULD MAKE ALL-OUT EFFORT TO HOLD TO PRESENT SCALE. END SUMMARY.

1. RE PARAGRAPH 12 REFTEL, MISOFF DISCUSSED IN GENERAL MEETING WITH SYG WITH GERMAN (SCHMIDT) AND JAPANESE (AKASHI) FIFTH COMMITTEE REPS. DRAWING ON REFTEL, MISOFF PROVIDED ESSENCE OF DISCUSSION, AND ESPECIALLY VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT US HAD SUGGESTED TO SYG THAT HE ALSO CONSULT WITH JAPAN AND FRG SINCE THEY TOO WERE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS FOR WHICH JAPANESE AND GERMAN MISOFF WERE "VERY APPRECIATIVE."

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2. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DISCUSSION, THEY TOLD MISOFF THAT THEIR PERMREPS HAD BEEN CALLED BY USYG DAVIDSON WHO, DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF SYG, MET BRIEFLY WITH SCHMIDT AND AKASHI. PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION WITH DAVIDSON WAS FOR LATTER TO TELL THEM OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON SUBJECT AS WELL AS INFORM THEM OF SATURDAY'S MEETING. BOTH POINTED OUT THE MISOFF, HOWEVER, THAT DAVIDSON DID NOT ASK FOR THEIR VIEWS ON SUBJECT.

3. BOTH AKASHI AND SCHMIDT, WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT THEY WERE SPEAKING PERSONALLY IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, SAID THEY AGREED WITH OUR VIEWS THAT; (A) REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WAS TOO HIGH; (B) SCALE ADOPTED LAST YEAR BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD NOT BE TAMPERED WITH; AND (C) ARTICLE 17 OF CHARTER SHOULD BE BASIS FOR HANDLING FINANCES. BOTH EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IN SYG'S REPORT S/11536, PARAGRAPH 7 OF S/11052/REV 1 WAS NOT EXPLICITLY REAFFIRMED. BOTH FELT THEY PROBABLY COULD CONVINCE THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS THAT IF ASSESSMENT SCALE ADOPTED LAST YEAR IS HELD, THEY COULD, IF NECESSARY, OBTAIN FLEXIBILITY ON \$500/150 REIMBURSEMENT RATE; HOWEVER, THE EXPRESSED AS STRONG OPPOSITION AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US DEL ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF QUESTION.

4. SCHMIDT TOLD MISOFF THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF DELS THAT IN ADDITION TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR TROOP COSTS, SOME TROOP CONTRIBUTORS EXPECTED UN TO REIMBURSE THEM FULLY FOR EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORT, ETC. WHICH THEY HAD USED IN UNEF/UNDOF.

5. SUBSEQUENTLY, MISOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH KENYAN DEPPERMPREP KITI AT LATTER' SINITIATIVE. KITI, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING WITH SYG, SAID LATTER WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT ATTITUDE OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS RE REIMBURSEMENT RATE. KITI URGED MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, THROUGH MISOFF TO ACCEPT TROOP CONTRIBUTORS FORMULA IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION WITH QUID QUO PRO BEING THAT TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WOULD MAKE ALL OUT EFFORT TO HOLD TO PRESENT SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S QUESTION, KITI SAID THAT KENYAN CONFIDENTIAL

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DEL FULLY AGREES THAT FUNDING OF FORCE SHOULD BE UNDER ARTICLE 17 AND THAT PRESENT SCALE SHOULD NOT BE REOPENED. WHEN MISOFF REPLIED THAT SOME DELS WERE CONSIDERING OPENING SCALE, KITI SAID THAT HIS DEL WOULD HAVE "NO PART" OF ANY SUCH UNDERTAKING AND WOULD STRONGLY RESIST IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE ANY EFFORTS BY SOVIETS OR OTHERS TO HAVE SC ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL ASPECTS SINCE THESE CLEARLY WERE PREROGATIVE OF UNGA.

5. KITI CAUTIONED THAT IF REIMBURSEMENT RATE PRESENTED BY TROOP CONTRIBUTORS NOT AGREED TO, THEN "AT LEAST" THREE CONTINGENTS WOULD PULL OUT OF FORCES FOR "FINANCIAL REASONS" IMMEDIATELY. (CONTINGENTS HE IDENTIFIED WERE GHANA, PANAMA AND PERU.) MISOFF QUESTIONED KITI'S ASSERTION THAT ANY CONTEINGENT WOULD LEAVE FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, TO WHICH KITI RESPONDED "DON'T BET ON IT."

6. FINALLY KITI SAID THAT HE WANTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US AND "OTHER RESPONSIBLE DELS" ON THIS QUESTION SINCE AN EQUITABLE ARRANGEMENT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL; AND HE REASSURED MISOFF HE WOULD USE HIS PERSONAL AND DEL INFLUENCE AMONG LDCS TO ACT RESPONSIBLY. HE ACCUSED SOVIETS OF ATTEMPTING TO "STIR UP" LDC/NAC MEMBERS FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH INTERESTS. MISOFF MENTIONED THAT ONE COULD NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF SOVIETS FINDING "EXCUSES" TO WITHHOLD THEIR UNEF/UNDOF ASSESSMENTS IF THINGS DID NOT WORK OUT TO THEIR SATISFACTION. KITI REPLIED "IF THAT HAPPENS, WE SHOULD THROW THE SCOUNDRELS OUT" SINCE THIS WAS LAST STRAW IN VIEW OF THEIR PREVIOUS WITHHOLDINGS.

7. COMMENT: BOTH FRG AND JAPANESE MISOFFS SHARE OUR CONCERN THAT THERE WAS NO WEO DEL WHO COULD CARRY BALL ON THIS QUESTION AS WAS DONE BY CANADA LAST YEAR AND URGED THAT SOMEONE BE FOUND AMONG GROUP. ON SURFACE, WE BELIEVE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE IS AUSTRALIA AND THEREFORE WE INTEND TO RAISE MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR MCINTRYE AND AUSTRALIAN FIFTH COMMITTEE REP JOHN MCCARTHY. SCALI

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